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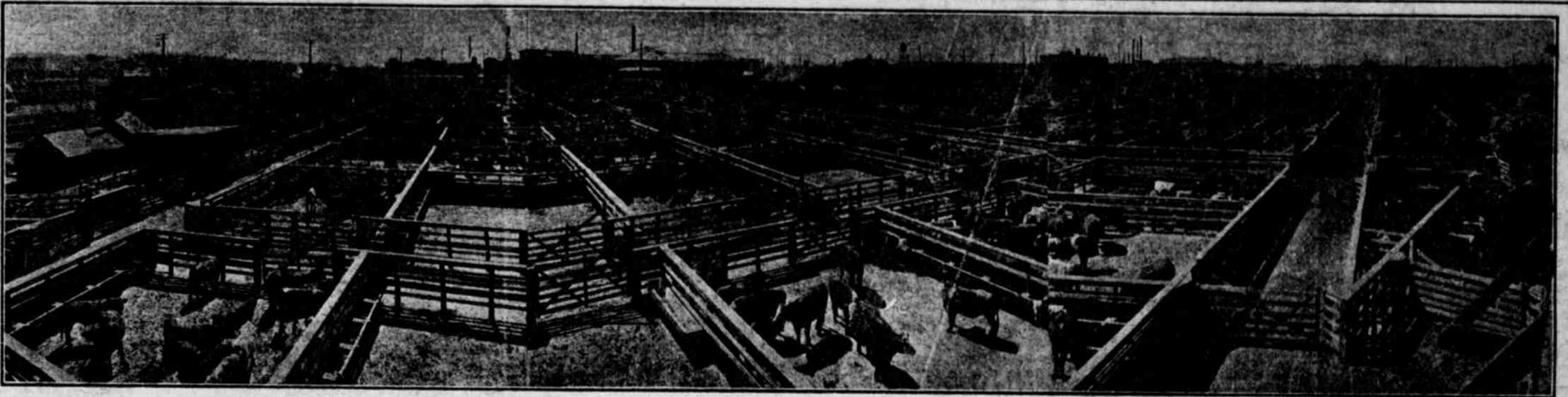
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## BIRDS EYE VIEW OF UNION STOCK YARDS, OMAHA, NEBRASKA



Above is shown a section of the Omaha Union Stock Yards, looking South and West from the Feeder Division. Rear of the Exchange Building can be seen to the left of center of the picture. Office of the Daily Drovers Journal-Stockman can be seen to the right. The Packing House Plants can be dimly seen in the background. This scene is familiar to hundreds of Nebraska Stockmen who always regard their trip to the South Omaha Stock Yards as a visit not to be missed.

### COUNCIL HELD HOT SESSION

City Will Buy 1,000 Feet Fire Hose  
—Turned Down Carnival—Shut  
Off Water in Park

### GUTTER UNPAVED BOX BUTTE

Davidson Wanted Policeman Line  
"Canned"—Affairs Wax Warm  
for a While Friday Night

The city council met Friday night for its August session. Owing to the fact that a quorum could not be secured on the regular meeting night, August 14, and because the council could not be gathered together sooner, the regular meeting was not held until Friday night.

After the council was convened it was discovered that the bills were locked in the light office and all efforts to find a key that would unlock the drawer in which the bills were contained being useless, the council decided to meet the following night, Saturday, to allow bills.

The street and alley committee, which was ordered at the previous meeting to report at this meeting as to recommendations for the improvement of street crossings, asked for more time to make their report. The request was granted.

The council took up the recommendation made by Chief L. E. Pilkington of the Alliance Fire department that the city buy 1,000 feet of new fire hose and discussed it. The discussion brought out the fact that the hose on the fire truck had been tested and that four lengths of it broke. An effort was made to test the hose at 100 pounds pressure, but when eighty pounds was put on the hose had the habit of breaking. It was stated the hose now in use is about seven years old. Chief Pilkington appeared and brought along samples of the old hose. He demonstrated to the satisfaction of all present that the hose was rotten, by tearing it with his hand.

Mayor Rousey was under the impression that the city used a three-inch hose for fire purposes and stated that the present price was about \$1.35 a foot, which would make 1,000 feet cost about \$1,350. The council debated the proposition of buying new hose, the feeling at first seeming to be that the city could not afford to spend \$1,350 when the finances were so low. After the discussion and the demonstration by Chief Pilkington of the council, realizing that new hose was an absolute necessity for the protection of property, opened sealed bids that had been submitted some time before. Fearing that the prices quoted then would not be in effect now, council authorized the clerk to advertise for bids for 1,000 feet of hose, the bids to contain prices on both the single and double jacket variety. The bids are to be opened at the next regular session of the council, September 11. The hose is to be fitted in 50-foot lengths. If at that time the council decides to accept one of the bids, the fire department will probably receive its hose within a few weeks afterwards. Chief Pilkington informed the council that the city did not use 3-inch fire hose, but did use a 2 1/2-inch hose. The bids will be submitted for the 2 1/2-inch size.

The mayor announced to the council that a representative of the Hodgson Carnival Company had approached him and asked for a license for that outfit to show in Alliance. The city clerk had referred the representative to the mayor, and the mayor let the representative down easy by referring him to the council. As a result, the carnival outfit showed at

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### WANTED TO WED MARRIED WOMAN

Provided Her With Funds When  
Child Came—Kept Her at His  
Rooming Place—Safe Now

Tuesday night a mother of a month left with her baby, for the home of relatives in Lincoln, and closed another chapter in the tragedy of life as it is sometimes played. Had it not been for the kind assistance of Mrs. B. N. Sharp, police matron, it is possible the young mother would today be living a life of adultery with a certain Alliance man employed by a local business institution as a laborer.

The young woman is married. She has a husband somewhere who is the father of the child, born to her at St. Joseph's hospital about a month ago. Parental objection to the husband combined with a headstrong disposition are said to have caused the breach in the domestic relations of the couple. Anyway when the time came for the young wife to prepare for the coming of her baby, she found herself penniless and unable to work. In her desperation, she stated she accepted money from this man, who apparently desired to befriend her. She went to the hospital where she stayed one week and where the baby was born.

On leaving the hospital the man told her he would take her to his rooming house and that he would give her his room down stairs and would take an upstairs room. Mrs. Sharp states that she learned that the young mother occupied his bed and that the man slept on an old coat in the kitchen.

Desiring to get away, but not knowing how, the woman came to Mrs. Sharp at the city mission, and asked for help. She had been unable, apparently, to send or receive mail, and the man would not let her out to look for work. He desired to marry her, but that was impossible for more than one reason. First, she was married. Second, she did not love him.

Finally a letter was sent to relatives in Lincoln, and on the first mail back came a letter enclosing money for the trip and extending a welcome to the woman. A local rooming house provided the young mother with a room for a day until she could get ready to go, and Tuesday night the young woman left for Lincoln.

The man in the case is reported to have used every means within his power to prevent her going, but under the guardianship of the police matron and others she was sent safely on her way.

Mrs. Sharp states that all cases of this nature or those resembling it in any degree should be reported to her immediately, and states that it is her business as police matron and as superintendent of the city mission to do all possible to relieve such cases.

Mrs. Sharp states that the man made the threat to her when he found he had been foiled in his attempt to cause the complete ruin of the young mother. "Well, I've got my eyes on another and I'll have her before snow flies." And this happened in Alliance.

### ALLIANCE NEWS MOVED TO ANTIOCH THIS WEEK

The Alliance News is no more. With its issue of today that paper ceased to be. Its owner, F. M. Broome, announces that the plant is being moved to Antioch, and that hereafter the paper will be printed at Antioch under the name of The Antioch News.

Fred Davison, owner of the "33 Ranch" on the Niobrara river, west of Marsland, was reported as being seriously injured Saturday morning when a horse which he was riding fell on him. Mr. Davison is an old-timer in this section of the west.

### OVER 1,200 CARS OF SPUDS

Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Growers  
Raising from 5 to 95 Acres  
of Potatoes Each

TOTAL YIELD 743,000 BUSHELS

Washington Predicts Largest Crop  
in History—Hundred Million  
Above the Average

Two hundred sixty-nine growers in Box Butte county will raise in the neighborhood of 5,500 acres of potatoes this year. The 269 growers are those who have more than five acres planted to spuds. There are other growers who have an acre or two or three, and many patches of various sizes in Alliance and Hemingford.

G. L. Taylor of near Hemingford has perhaps the largest individual acreage in the county, having 95 acres planted to spuds. M. D. Healy of Alliance and H. Robinson and Mike Shimek of Marsland have 75 acres each in potatoes. C. O. Rosenberger of Hemingford has 70 acres of potatoes, and Wolf Fremuth of Marple, W. L. Baldwin of Hemingford and John Riley and Kilpatrick Bros. of near Alliance have 60 acres.

Wm. Aspin of Alliance and C. E. Wilsey of Hemingford have 50 acres. The other 254 growers have lesser individual acreages. The limiting factor in the production of potatoes in Box Butte county this year was the seed. Seed was so high this spring that many who otherwise would have planted a larger acreage were compelled to go slow because of the scarcity and price of spuds.

Even with the limiting factors, it is believed that the grand total of spuds raised in this county this year will equal, if not surpass, that of last year. While the estimated average yield of potatoes over the state of Nebraska last year was 86.5 as estimated by the State Board of Agriculture and set forth in Bulletin No. 210, the average yield for Box Butte county, according to the same bulletin, was 123.7 bushels.

As before stated, 269 growers have a total acreage of about 5,500 bushels of potatoes, but this does not by any means represent the total acreage in Box Butte county for attention must be given to the many smaller patches and garden plots. A reasonably conservative estimate would probably place the total acreage at about 6,000 acres. Using last year's crop figures for a basis, the 1917 crop in Box Butte county ought to amount to about 743,000 bushels, or 1239 cars, figuring 600 bushels to the car.

Growers in the several precincts who have more than five acres planted will raise approximately the following acreage of spuds this year: Nonpareil, 758 acres; Dorsey, 792; Box Butte, 1489; Lawn, 680; Boyd, 590; Running Water, 124; Snake Creek, 197; Wright, 403; Lake, 289—a grand total of 5,214 acres accounted for.

The monthly crop report just issued from Washington predicts the largest potato crop ever produced in the country. Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the bureau of crop estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, stated that the average production for the previous five years (1911-1915) was 363,000,000 bushels, which represents a fair crop. This year the indications are that there will be a crop of 467,000,000 bushels, 100,000,000 bushels above the average.

This is equal to one bushel extra for every man, woman and child in the country. In order to avoid

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### LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Council of Defense and Commercial  
Club to Unite with Unions in  
Patriotic Event

PLAN A PARADE AND RALLY

Editor Cutright of Lincoln Star to Be  
Principal Speaker—Sports on  
Unpaved Box Butte

Monday, September 3, is Labor Day. The Alliance Commercial Club in co-operation with the Box Butte County Council of Defense have plans under way for a Labor Day celebration that will be out of the ordinary, and different from the usual celebration at the fair grounds.

The idea being worked out by the Commercial Club and the Council of Defense is to hold a patriotic labor demonstration at which the laboring men of the city individually and the labor organizations as a unit will publicly pledge their loyalty to the nation in this time of stress and strife. Being a day set apart primarily by and for the laboring men all over the United States as a day for getting together and mingling in joyous companionship, while at the same time demonstrating the brotherly affiliation of all labor organizations, it is fitting and proper that the laboring men of this, their day, make the public pledge of loyalty to the country and the flag.

John W. Cutright, editor of the Lincoln Daily Star, and one of the men who all along has upheld the administration and who has always been strong for the laboring man, and who has inspired and dictated these principles in the conduct of the Star, has been secured to deliver the principal address of the day.

Efforts are being put forth to stage a big labor day parade to be participated in by all the labor organizations of the city. Secretary Bushnell, of the Commercial Club, states that he desires to get in touch with the unions, the local secretaries and other officials, in an effort to secure their co-operation in making the parade and the rally a huge success. No definite plans for the parade have as yet been made. Mr. Bushnell states that if the labor men of Alliance will co-operate a big parade can be staged, but it will take the earnest co-operation of the unions and the men to make it a success.

The parade will be held at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the program, with Editor Cutright of Lincoln as the principal speaker, will be held in front of the city hall, where a platform will be erected. The band will be out and will play for the meeting at 2 o'clock as well as for the parade.

Following the parade and program it is planned to hold a celebration for the children, young and old, on unpaved Box Butte avenue. There will be competitive races and stunts by the kids, and probably some stunts by the older ones. The fire department will also take part.

It is desired that everyone be out Monday afternoon. The talk by Editor Cutright will be one well worth listening to. Robert Graham, chairman of the County Council of Defense, will introduce Editor Cutright. L. H. Highland, president of the Alliance chapter of the American Red Cross, will have a few words to say in regard to the activity of that organization.

J. R. Baskins of North Platte was an Alliance visitor Monday and Tuesday of this week. He went from here to Scottsbluff. Mr. Baskins was a former business man of both Alliance and Scottsbluff.

### ANOTHER POTASH DEAL BEING CLOSED TODAY

McRae and Mallery Close Deal for  
Sturgeon Lakes Southeast  
of Alliance

According to interested parties, contracts are being drawn up today between P. J. Sturgeon on the one side, and Earl D. Mallery and J. W. McRae on the other side, by which Sturgeon leases to Mallery and McRae the two lakes on his ranch fifteen miles southeast of Alliance. According to the same parties Mallery and McRae agree within thirty days to have capital raised for the erection of a potash plant, probably at Antioch, to pump brine from the two lakes, one of which contains 129 acres and the other 20 acres.

According to Mr. McRae, he is representing the Dupont Powder people, who have practically unlimited capital and who can easily finance any deal they decide to take hold of. The Herald's informant states that Mallery and McRae plan to secure \$350,000 to finance this deal from the Dupont people and that Sturgeon is to begin to benefit financially within thirty days or the deal is off.

Various rumors have been afloat in Alliance during the last few days regarding big developments in the potash industry. One was to the effect that the Dupont people were going to buy in all of the potash plants and control the industry. Another was to the effect that the output of the plants was to be contracted for and a big refinery erected at either Alliance or Antioch.

It is known, however, that developments are proceeding rapidly in the securing of leases and the testing of lakes in the potash field. It is expected that a plant will soon be erected to use the output of the Briggs lakes. Several other new plants are talked of.

### JACOBS WAS BADLY INJURED BY HORSE

Employee of Joy Ranch Brought to  
Hospital Tuesday Morning with  
Injured Side and Broken Leg

A. J. Jacobs, an employee of the Joy ranch, northeast of Alliance, for the past six months, was brought to St. Joseph's hospital in Alliance Tuesday morning with an injured side and a broken right leg, the result of an encounter with a vicious young mare which attacked his suddenly Monday noon.

Jacobs had been mowing during the morning and went to the ranch house for dinner. He had unhitched his team and tied them to a wagon for feeding. While his back was turned to the young mare she kicked him in the right side, knocking him down. She then kicked him again, breaking his leg. He then crawled out of her reach and was picked up by fellow employees. Dr. Slagle was called and dressed the wounds, bringing Jacobs to the hospital the next morning.

Jacobs' home is at Rushville. He will probably be laid up for several weeks.

W. D. Rumer, head of the Rumer Motor Company, distributors of the Jackson Eight automobile, returned Sunday night from a week's trip by auto to Wyoming and other western Nebraska points. Mr. Rumer was much impressed by the boom now on at Casper, Wyo., the oil metropolis. He says that he has seen many booms in the western towns in early days, but that Casper has them all beaten.

Harry Dubuque has purchased a fine Hudson Speedster from King & Smith, local agents.

### DEALING WITH OUR ADVERTISERS

Triple Benefit to Be Derived from  
Careful Perusal of Advertising  
Columns of Reliable Paper

INTERESTS OF ALL ARE MUTUAL

Readers, Advertisers and Publishers  
All Benefitted When Dependable  
Advertisers Preferred

A newspaper man has no right to ask advertising from firms that he cannot recommend in their line of business. The idea that newspaper men grab advertising orders wherever they can get them is a mistake. Some may do so, but not all. Many of the best newspapers and magazines pass up a large amount of advertising that they might secure if they wished to do so.

It is a pleasure to recommend the men and firms whose advertisements appear in The Herald. There are strong reasons why Nebraska ranchmen will do well to deal with the live stock commission firms who advertise in this paper. These reasons go beyond the fact that it will be a favor to the paper that is the official organ of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association.

The live stock commission firms that advertise in The Herald give special attention to the handling of western Nebraska cattle. As a rule, the men or firms that specialize in any particular line are more proficient in it, than the men or firms that do not.

The live stock commission firms that advertise in this paper are ranch cattle specialists. They understand the ranching business and know how to handle, to the best advantage, the stuff that comes from the ranches to the market.

By the same logic, the live stock market that makes a specialty of any particular class of business will, as a rule, be better equipped to handle that class of business than other markets. The South Omaha market draws live stock from many states, but the management desire especially to handle the Nebraska cattle that go to market—and they are getting the bulk of them. No other market is as well located, or as well equipped for this business.

In the heart of the great corn belt and with ample packing house facilities and being easily accessible to the ranch country, South Omaha furnishes an ideal market for Nebraska cattle, to be sold either as feeders, stockers or for immediate slaughter.

Byers Bros. & Company  
In regard to the business of the above named firm, the original brothers were J. W. and J. E., whose nick name here, and everybody knew him by it, was "Dick".

They were in the commission business in Chicago and shortly after the market was opened here, Dick came to this place and opened a house with the firm name of Byers Bros. & Co. He continued the management of this house until his death some years ago. J. W.'s death occurred a few years ago. This house is incorporated under the firm name at Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha.

The Kansas City house was established about fifteen years ago. Their aim has been to be one of the best commission concerns rather than the biggest. They rank quite well toward the top of the list in volume of business, having steadily grown with the market. They have set the pace, so to speak, on record sales frequently, but do not count that so much as recommendation of their ability to

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